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1. The barges which travel between ~~Breslau~~/Oder and Wroclaw (Breslau) ✓  
Poland on the lower Oder River have to travel through locks at Brzeg 25X1  
Dolny (Dyhernfurth) and Redzin (Ransern).
2. The lower Oder has not been kept in shape by the Poles and there are numerous sand-bars in the Oder as a result of silting. The normal water level of the Oder from Furstenberg/Oder to Wroclaw is 1.40 to 1.60 meters. The low-water level varies from 80 cm. to 1.05 meters. The water level affects the carrying capacity of the barges involved in this traffic. In June 1955 during the low-water period the barges were carrying an average load of 350 tons of coal. This average load was increased to 500 tons during July 1955 as a result of an increase in the water levels. It is estimated that in July 1955 approximately 120,000 tons of coal will be shipped to East Germany over the lower Oder facilities.
3. The barge port in Wroclaw is in the former Staethafen. In June 1955, this port was able to load a Breslau size (Breslauer Mass) barge with 500 tons of coal in one hour. The port facilities allow for the loading of three barges simultaneously.
4. There are rumors in DSU<sup>1</sup> circles that East German barges will proceed to Kozle (Cosel) during July 1955 in an attempt to increase coal exports to East Germany. At the present time all DSU barges are loaded in Wroclaw.

1. (Deutsche Schiffahrts-u. ~~Handels~~ Betriebszentrale - German ~~Shipping~~ and Transshipment Agency).

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